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Photo by HA0NNN/HA0MM

L-R HA0DU HA0NNN

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ZA1QA

We have both joy and sorrow in this story about the ZA1QA operation. It started in July of 1991 when HA0NNN and HA0MM made a trip to Albania to carry medical supplies to the hospitals in Tirana. This was part of Janos's, HA0NNN job since he worked for the Lazarus Quick Aid Foundation in Hungary. This trip did not work for amateur's but it did lay the ground work for a later trip.

Janos asked INDEXA for two complete stations for the dxpedition which was to be soon. We came to an agreement that after the operation, both stations were to be left in Albania as club stations. They were also required to train the nationals in their proper use and make sure any licensed national could use the stations in the future.

ZA1QA finally came on the air 24 Sept 1991. Both HA0NNN and HA0MM, Gyoso, were the first ones on the air. Steve, HA0DU stated soon after they were on the air, they were soon off the air. The first evening of the operation, the police made a visit to the radio site and forced them to shut down. The next morning, Janos made a few LL calls and afterwards, the police guaranteed the safety of the operators and the operation.

Steve was listening from home and continued to hear amateurs saying, "their license is not valid, they are pirates, don't work them". Can you name one Hungarian amateur in Albania who could be so stupid to get on the air without permission? You must remember during this time, 1/3 or more of the people there are connected to the KGB !

More operators joined in to make this a good DXpedition as can be seen in the photos. Station ZA1QA made 73,000 and ZA0RS made 13,000 contacts before they stopped on 24 Oct 91. True to their word, ZA1HA and ZA0DXC continued to operate longer from the city of Elbasan. The purpose was to complete the training of the ZA nationals in the use of the two INDEXA club stations.

We wish to thank all the Hungarian amateurs who worked hard to make this a good venture and a special thanks to Janos, HA0NNN. Due to an automobile accident on 16 March 91, he is now a SK at the age of 26.

As of Mar 27th, the DXCC desk was processing work received on Jan 6th. In Sept 91, we had a backlog of only 3 weeks. What happened?

- #1, Sept is the last month for totals to be updated. This caused an overload.
- #2, one of our employees became ill in Sept and will not return till April.
- #3, beginning in Oct 91, all applications received will be converted from paper to the PC. This is over 3 million country credits to be moved. We still have the same number of people working on the conversion but we do have additional help during the heavy times. The extra help was hired to make things go faster.

Why computerize? DXers will only have to send a card to us only once. From that time on, we will have the band, mode and date in the PC. This can be used later when anyone applies for 5 band DXCC or just credit for 80 meters if needed.

When the computer work is complete, anytime you send in an application, you will receive from the league, a printout of all the credits you have. Such as countries, band, mode etc. You will know where you stand on the DXCC.

What's in the future? When the move to the PC is complete, it will essentially eliminate the backlog problem. Which means we will not slow down to catch up in the future.

As of Mar 30th, you need not list contacts on the back side of the application for endorsements. All info will be taken from the cards direct.

This is optional, of course. 73/88 Chuck



Ladies and Gentlemen, Meet Paul Tullier, N5QGO from Vidor, Texas. He has joined us as an INDEXA Net Controller. He has a PC program and its full of fast QSL and DX info. He has really enhanced our hobby and we thank him.

Paul said he was licensed in 1990 and has did all the easy things like Advanced Class license, WAS, WAC and WAZ along with a country count of 268 to date. Not bad for a Texan.

Quote, "I'm 43 years old and my goal is to be on the Honor Roll by the time I'm 45 (lets watch him do it!) and to have 5 band DXCC when I'm 50". Hi Hi. Then I can go back and do it all again on CW and RTTY. (Big Dreamer)

Paul's closing comments in his letter says it all, every time we give out the correct address or DX information to a fellow amateur on the net so he/she can get that new country they need, its all worth the time.

25 February 1992

Mr. Murphy G. Ratterree W4WMQ  
President INDEXA  
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GOOD DAY

Just thought that it is about time that I drop a short note to you to let you know how much I enjoy the great gang who participate in making DXing such a pleasure through the vehicle of the International DX Association.

As a long time LIFE Member of INDEXA I have found the operations on 14.236 to be of the highest standards. Real gentlemen...for sure.

Like many things in life one can easily determine who provides above average service and quality. These are the survivors who continue to exist, year after year, in good times and bad times. INDEXA is one of these superior organizations. And I must believe that a good part of the success of INDEXA is the result of your personal hard work and astuteness in your role as President. Well done!

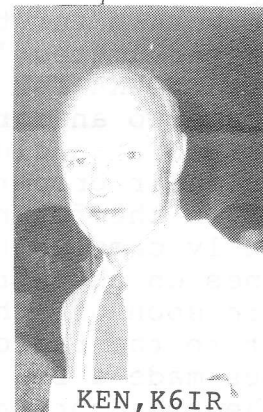
Incidentally it was a great feeling to hand DXCC Specialist Don Search my ZA1A QSL this past Saturday. The LAST ONE. I now have them all worked and confirmed on SSB. WOW!

Well, I just wanted to commend you for your leadership in running INDEXA and in producing the interesting INDEXA Newsletter.

Seventy three,

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*Ken - K6IR*



INDEXA receives many letters of praise but seldom are published.

The Board asked for this one to be published because it says it all. It gives credit to the net controllers. These are the fellow amateurs who work their rear end off for the rest of the world. TNX..

## SOUTH GEORGIA, BRIEFLY AS VP8CIZ

We had been in Antarctica with a Norwegian scientific expedition for almost three months, I had been signing 3Y2GV in my spare time from the duties as radio officer. It was getting a bit dull and I thought a great pileup would cheer me up. With the help of LA2QM, I soon had a license for S.Georgia. I talked about a brief stop with the expedition leader, Monica Kristensen even though we must be back in Montevideo on schedule. This left very little time to reach the island and still little time to operate. I first had to get the majority of the expedition interested in stopping on S.Georgia. I told them there were many things to see as they walked around. The old Norwegian whaler's buildings, relics of all sorts.

I had to do a lot of reading about the island so I could get the group interested in stopping. It worked. Now I know I could help all those amateurs who needed this one on CW. We decided to set ashore at Grytviken Bay, but I was allotted only 6-8 hours on the island. After more discussions, I finally got 10 hours time. Not long, but it would be worth it to many amateurs.

Once ashore, I put up simple dipoles for 10-15-20 meters about 70 meters from the shore. Part of the crew helped carry the equipment ashore and set up the tent. After correcting problems with the dipoles, I started on 28.005 at 1717Z and LA3XI was the first in the log followed by LA3XM, LU6AU, LA8CJ and G4DYO.

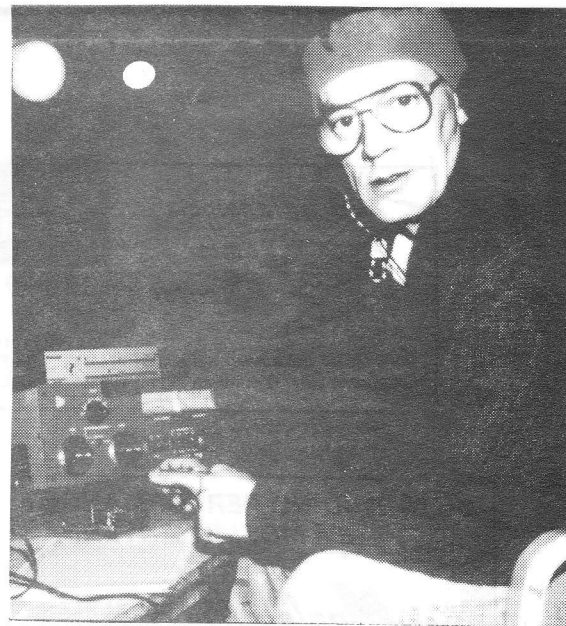
First USA contacts were W100, KD1AQ and W9TX. Due to the short operating time allowed, I tried to cover all areas possible.

I could not hear the JAs, so I went to 18.070mhz and worked JA1BK as the first one.

I started on 3 Mar at 1717Z and stopped 4 Mar at 0027Z with a contact with N4DAZ.

I wish it could have been much longer but I had no control over the time. I feel very good about the contacts made because there are now amateurs who have South Georgia in the log. It was worth the cost.

QSL VIA LA6ZH 73s Kaare Pedersen, LA2GV



LA2GV

Since you are a member of INDEXA, you enjoy working good DX and are willing to help support it, for this we thank you. Have you considered the amount of support, the increase of rare DX on the bands, IF. If you, as a member got just one of your friends to join INDEXA in our effort?

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The bereaved family, the St. Lazarus-Quick Aid Foundation and the Nyiregyháza Radio Club informs you with deep shock but acquiesced to the belief of resurrection that

**HA Φ NNN**  
**János Bolyóczki**  
Managing Director of the Foundation

died in tragic circumstances in a car accident on 16, March, 1992 at the age of 26.

The funeral of our dear departed will be held at 3 p. m. on Thursday, the 26th of March, 1992 in Nyiregyháza at the Northern Cemetery according to the funeral rights of the Hungarian Orthodox Church.

*Give him my Lord eternal memory.*

The bereaved family,  
the St. Lazarus-Quick Aid Foundation and  
the Nyiregyháza Radio Club

Nyiregyháza, 21st March, 1992.



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